

AVON MAITLAND DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
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MINUTES

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
8:00 p.m.
Tuesday, November 8, 2016
Maitland Room, Seaforth Education Centre
62 Chalk Street North, Seaforth, ON

PRESENT:

Trustees: Judy Cairncross, Lynette Geddes, Robert Hunking, Alyson Kent, Julie Moore, Doug Pratley, Nancy Rothwell, Colleen Schenk, Randy Wagler

Senior Staff: Ted Doherty, Director of Education and Secretary of the Board, Superintendents Janet Baird-Jackson, Jodie Baker, Peggy Blair, Paul Langis and Associate Superintendent Carter

Recording Secretary: Barb Crawford

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Schenk called the meeting to order for the Committee of the Whole, Closed Session.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, CLOSED SESSION

MOTION 2016 11 137 (L. Geddes – R. Hunking)
RESOLVED THAT this Board convene into Committee of the Whole, Closed Session.
CARRIED

Vice Chair Kent was Chair for the Committee of the Whole, Closed Session.

Chair Schenk resumed the Chair at 8:00 p.m. and reconvened into Regular Session.

REGULAR SESSION

ROUTINE MATTERS

MOTION 2016 11 138 (R. Wagler – L. Geddes)
RESOLVED THAT this Board convene into Regular Session.
CARRIED

Approval of Agenda

MOTION 2016 11 139 (R. Hunking – L. Geddes)
RESOLVED THAT the agenda be approved as presented.
CARRIED

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

Approval of Minutes**MOTION 2016 11 140****(R. Wagler – J. Cairncross)**

RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Avon Maitland District School Board meeting held Tuesday, October 11, 2016, be approved as presented.

CARRIED**Business Arising from the Minutes**

There was no business arising from the Minutes.

Committee of the Whole, Closed Session

Vice Chair Kent reported there was no business from the Closed Session.

Trustee Reflection – Trustee Hunking

Trustee Hunking noted he would be recycling the speech he had used at the Central Huron Secondary School Commencement in October.

"A recent church sermon is the bases for this topic. No I am not going to give you a sermon, I hope. You probably think you get enough of those from your teachers and parents and maybe even Mr. McEwan or Ms. Finch on occasion.

Who is a hero? Who is your hero? Is it your parents, a sibling, a relative, a teacher, a friend, a politician, a sports figure, a humanitarian or a Superhero? Why do you consider this person to be your hero? A hero "a person who is admired for great or brave acts or fine qualities". Do you try to emulate their goodness & integrity? Did they inspire you because of their hardships and accomplishments? Do they encourage you through your struggles over adversity? Or are they a so-called hero? Do you just buy their endorsed sneakers or repost their good news story on Facebook or Instagram and feel good for doing that but not actual taking up the cause or do you just 'groupie' along with them blindly? Do not just think about this here, at your time at school but in all your life. How has your hero left their mark on you and on the world? A hero can do big things or little things. Also in different people's eyes, good or bad? Okay this maybe is sounding like a sermon. The AMDSB strives to encourage you to be the best person you can be. We may fail, you may fail. We can achieve and you can achieve. Wouldn't it be nice to be someone's hero. Congratulations to all of you here. Doing your best will lead to your best. Don't short change yourself on your best. "

As Trustees and as a Board we do self-evaluations of ourselves as individuals and as an entity of our achievements, opportunities, and failures. Do we try to be heroes or should we fly under the radar in our orchestrating, encouraging and nurturing of the accomplishments and the evolution/maturation of our staff and students? To each their own, be a hero, an unhero or an unsung hero. Altruism vs heroism vs egotism vs vain-gloriousness vs Megalomania. Do I dare ask? Which am I, you, us?

Good News

Trustee Pratley reported that the Cosmetology program at Stratford Northwestern Secondary School was featured in the Stratford Beacon Herald in an article about recycling materials. In partnership with Green Circle Salons, the students are part of a conscious effort to find ways to reduce and utilize waste products from the salon.

Director Doherty announced good news related to five Avon Maitland students, two from Goderich District CI and three from FE Madill Secondary School, who recently travelled to Germany as part of Team Canada Dance. They came home with gold, silver, bronze, a fifth place and an eighth place finish. Congratulations on their achievements.

Trustee Cairncross spoke about the accomplishment of Goderich District CI girls' field hockey team and their coach Ray Lewis. The team won WOSSA although they lost in the quarter final at OFSSA.

Trustee Cairncross recognized Ray Lewis' significant and much appreciated accomplishments throughout his coaching career.

Trustee Moore noted the Farm to School program is operating in fourteen Avon Maitland schools. The program is an Ontario student nutrition program funded through the Huron Perth Eat and Learn program and coordinated by Nancy Fisher. The program covers the cost for free vegetables and fruits.

Trustee Rothwell announced the official opening on the Spinrite North Perth Daycare and Early Years Centre will be Thursday, November 10th. The Centre shares space at the new North Perth Westfield Elementary School in Listowel.

Student Trustee Update

Trustee Russell reported the technology in classroom survey is ready and will be distributed through the GAFE email so that each student can only submit one survey and the submission will be anonymous. All schools will be participating in Remembrance Day events.

Student/Staff Presentations

Director Doherty introduced this evenings' presentation on Riverside Learning Program and reminded trustees that 10 years ago John Kuepfer approached administration about his idea to develop a specialized program that would reach out to Huron and Perth counties to meet the education needs of students who were not enrolled in schools. The idea eventually became known Riverside Learning.

Superintendent Blair introduced John Kuepfer, Michelle Kuepfer and Amy Kipfer. For more information regarding the program please see <http://caselistowel.wixsite.com/case/riverside>

Public Delegations

There were no public delegations.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION

Ad Hoc Committee re Emergent Issues

Trustee Pratley highlighted the Committee's report. Trustee Pratley noted in Administrative Procedure (AP) 112 re Communication and Media Relations, the Chair of the Board has been incorporated into much of the decision with regard to emergent issues. The Director and Chair are the official spokespersons of the Board. The work of the Committee was to provide recommendations with regard to the AP which now includes references related to Crisis Communication Media Protocol; Emergent Policy Issues – Board Strategy. Trustee Wagler presented the Emergent Policy Issues document and Trustee Moore spoke to the Crisis Communication Media Protocol.

MOTION 2016 11 141

(D. Pratley – J. Cairncross)

RESOLVED THAT the Avon Maitland District School Board approve the documents: *Emergent Political Issues – Board Strategy* and *Crisis Communication – Media Protocol* and that these documents be appended to AP112 re Communication and Media Relations.

CARRIED

MOTION 2016 11 142

(D. Pratley – R. Hunking)

RESOLVED THAT in keeping with Board Policy 10 re Committees of the Board, section 7.1 and sections 7.2(e), the Avon Maitland District School Board dissolve the Ad Hoc Committee on Emergent Issues.

CARRIED

Report of the Audit Committee re Approval of the Consolidated Financial Statements for the Period September 1, 2015 to August 31, 2016

Audit Committee Chair Wagler presented the Committee's report re approval of consolidated financial statements. The Audit Committee met at 5:00 p.m. this evening with the external auditors and reviewed their audit which was essentially a clean audit with one correction.

Associate Superintendent Carter highlighted specific notes from Appendix A of the report re financial statements and the audits finding report.

MOTION 2016 11 143

(R. Wagler – R. Hunking)

RESOLVED THAT the Avon Maitland District School Board approve the draft Consolidated Financial Statements for the period September 1, 2015 to August 31, 2016, as presented.

CARRIED

INFORMATION AND PROGRESS REPORTS

Staff Adjustments

Superintendent Langis presented the report for information. The following staff adjustments were reported.

Retirement:

Janice Snowden, Educational Assistant at South Huron DHS effective October 14, 2016

Bruce Flood, Teacher at North Perth Westfield ES effective December 31, 2016

Sandra Fremlin-Skinner, Education Assistant at South Huron DHS effective December 31, 2016

Vicki McKague, Teacher at FE Madill SS effective January 31, 2017

New Hire:

Betty McNeight, Custodian at Stratford Central SS effective October 24, 2016

Lori Finch, Custodian at Exeter ES effective November 1, 2016

Ed Swarhout, Custodian at Listowel District SS effective November 1, 2016

OPSBA Update

Trustee Hunking reported the Regional OPSBA meeting held on November 5th hosted by Lambton Kent DSB was very informative. Trustees were encouraged to read the Engagement Paper Well Being in our Schools – Strength in Our Society, and can provide their feedback to www.ontario.ca/studentwellbeing.

Minutes from Board Committees

SEAC: Wednesday, October 5, 2016

Student Senators: Tuesday, October 25, 2016

Correspondence

There was no correspondence received.

NEW BUSINESS**Notice of Motion – Request from Trustee Pratley re Recognition of Indigenous Peoples**

Trustee Pratley explained the significance of bringing this forward at this particular meeting given that the Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation announced that Ontario has designated November 6-12 as *Treaties Recognition Week*. The goal of this week is to promote public education and awareness about treaties and treaty relationships.

MOTION 2016 11 144**(D. Pratley – R. Wagler)**

RESOLVED THAT the Avon Maitland District School Board amend policy 9 section 4, being currently amended, such that each full board meeting begins with the statement: *“We acknowledge that we are on the traditional land of the Anishnaabe Peoples. We wish to recognize the long history of First Nations and Metis Peoples in Ontario and show our respect to them today. We recognize their stewardship of the land; may we all live with respect on this land and live in peace and friendship.”*

CARRIED**ANNOUNCEMENTS****Future Board Meetings (at Education Centre unless otherwise noted)**

- Tuesday, November 22, 2016 – 5:00 p.m. Committee of the Whole – Closed Session, 6:00 p.m. Committee of the Whole – Open Session, 8:00 p.m. Regular Board Session
- Tuesday, December 6, 2016 – 5:00 p.m. Committee of the Whole – Closed Session, 6:00 p.m. Committee of the Whole, Open Session, 8:00 p.m. Inaugural/Regular Board Session

Future Meetings/Events with Trustee Representation (at Education Centre unless otherwise noted)

- Audit Committee: Tuesday, November 8, 2015 – 5:00 p.m.
- SAL: Tuesday, November 22, 2016 – 9:00 a.m.
- Transportation November 22, 2016 – 3:00 p.m.
- SEAC: Wednesday, December 7, 2016 – 4:00 p.m.

At this time Chair Schenk called for a motion to reconvene into Committee of the Whole, Closed Session for Trustees only.

MOTION 2016 11 145**(R. Wagler – L. Geddes)**

RESOLVED THAT the Avon Maitland District School Board reconvene into Committee of the Whole, Closed Session.

CARRIED**ADJOURNMENT****MOTION 2016 11 146****(N. Rothwell – R. Wagler)**

RESOLVED THAT this meeting be adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

CARRIED

Approved at Seaforth, Ontario
Date approved

Colleen Schenk
Chair of the Board

Ted Doherty
Director of Education and
Secretary of the Board